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Attempted coup in Ghana foiled

LONDON, May 15 (R) — Accra Radio reported today that an Air Force officer and a handful of airmen made an unsuccessful attempt to stage an uprising in Ghana this morning. The broadcast, monitored here, said the officer and the airmen had been overpowered and were in military custody. The official statement said one of the airmen had been killed. It gave no details. Accra Radio said reports of the uprising caused a stampede in the market place where stalls hastily abandoned by their owners were looted. Most shops closed. Parents ran to schools to take their children home. Until July last year Ghana was ruled by former Gen. Ignatius Acheampong who was deposed by his colleagues in the ruling Supreme Military Council. He was replaced by Gen. Fred Akuffo who has pledged to return the country to civilian government on July 1.

Nauts receive supplies

May 15 (R) — An unmanned cargo ship today delivered supplies and a tulip to two cosmonauts aboard the station a month after a manned craft failed in a test. The sixth "progress" craft to be launched over months was guided into Salyut's docking bay in the presence of cosmonauts Vladimir Lyakhov and Valery two have been on board since February 26. Like its predecessor, the Progress-6, it carried a variety of supplies, including food, water, and scientific equipment. The crew was expected to continue its marathon flight. The tulip was a present from Soviet space scientists who said cosmonauts would appreciate a sign of the earth. The tulip is expected to bloom in coming months. The 19-ton station and provide new information on life in space, Tass News Agency reported.

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May 15 (R) — Two main militia today united after fighting between them which claimed the head of the party (NLP) and leader of the militia over a joint statement. The two parties, the NLP and the Falangist Kataeb, are already supposed to be unified under the banner of the "Lebanese forces" military alliance set up during the 1975-76 civil war here. The two political parties are also linked in a Lebanese front alliance. In Damascus, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and his Syrian counterpart Hafez Al Assad held a second day of talks on how to restore security to Lebanon. The semi-official Syrian newspaper Al Thawra indicated that the summit was not likely to come to a total merger tomorrow, a said. "Details discussed and studied, efficient to fuse the two precipitated by Falangist-NLP in East Beirut, a tradition in Lebanon's official said. The said the battle being paroled by Falangist party not allowed."

Gunmen would be stripped of party immunity and protection if they committed criminal acts, officials said. Offenders would be liable to "maximum penalties," an official statement said. The merger seemed in part intended to show unity after the clashes, although NLP officials said the move had been under consideration for some time. The two parties' militias, the NLP's Tigers and the Falangist Kataeb, are already supposed to be unified under the banner of the "Lebanese forces" military alliance set up during the 1975-76 civil war here. The two political parties are also linked in a Lebanese front alliance. In Damascus, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and his Syrian counterpart Hafez Al Assad held a second day of talks on how to restore security to Lebanon. The semi-official Syrian newspaper Al Thawra indicated that the summit was not likely to come to a total merger tomorrow, a said. "Details discussed and studied, efficient to fuse the two precipitated by Falangist-NLP in East Beirut, a tradition in Lebanon's official said. The said the battle being paroled by Falangist party not allowed."

Khomeini says he would like to be buried in Palestine

TEHRAN, May 15 (R) — Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in a message read to a 50,000-strong pro-Palestinian demonstration in Tehran today, said that if he were killed fighting behind a Palestinian machinegun, he would like to be buried in Palestine. "The Palestinian people have not forgotten the key to their own home. I greatly desire to take that key and go to Palestine and open the doors at Nazareth," the 78-year-old Ayatollah said. The message was read out by the head of Tehran's revolutionary tribunal, Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali. Ayatollah Khomeini today sought to reassure the 50,000-strong Jewish community that the execution of leading Jewish businessman Habiballah Elhanian should not be seen as a danger signal for those Jews who remained in Iran. In a message to a delegation of Jews who called on him in the holy city of Qom 150 kilometres south of here, the Ayatollah said: "The Jewish community is different from the Zionist community. We are against Zionists because they are opposed to religion. They are not Jews. They are political people who act under the guise of Judaism and even Jews hate them." In his message the Ayatollah said Islam would treat the Jews and other religious minorities in Iran just like Muslims and would not place any restrictions on them. Referring to the estimated 20,000 Jews who left Iran in the months which led up to last February's revolution, the Ayatollah said those who had been "cheated" into emigrating to Israel were now repentant.

Settlers, Arabs clash in occupied W. Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 15 (Agencies) — Jewish settlers and Arab youths in the occupied West Bank of Jordan clashed today when armed West Bank Palestinians staged a general strike today to protest the plan to create an autonomous authority in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under the terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, and the building of Jewish settlements in the areas. Shortly before 9 a.m., a car from Neve Tsuf, a Jewish settlement near the Arab university town of Birzeit, was stoned by Arab youths at a makeshift barricade on the road leading to Jerusalem. The car turned around and returned to the settlement. None of the passengers was injured, a Neve Tsuf resident said. The military government spokesman said armed settlers in a pickup truck drove to the site of the barricade, where they chased stone-throwing youths, firing their weapons. They made the youths remove the barricade and seized their identity cards, the spokesman said. The settlers turned the identity cards over to the military government, he said. The incident occurred as security forces stood on alert, anticipating demonstrations on the 31st anniversary of Israel's creation, as marked by the general clemency. The army is investigating previous cases of firing by Jewish settlers to determine who shot and killed an Arab demonstrator last month. Visitors to the West Bank said that appeals by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) were posted in posters on walls to observe the merchant's strike today. Shopkeepers in Nablus, the largest West Bank town, did not open for business in the early morning but were forced to do so when ordered by the military government.

settlers forced the Arabs to remove a stone barricade on the road near Birzeit. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan told the Knesset (parliament) Finance Committee the government's plan for restricted local autonomy for West Bank residents was not acceptable to Egypt. He was questioned about Prime Minister Menachem Begin's proposals for local autonomy during a committee hearing on the foreign ministry budget. The English-language today Jerusalem Post gave the results of a poll it had ordered from the Modi'in Ezrachi (civil intelligence) Applied Research Centre. Asked if Israel should continue settlement activity in the West Bank, 57 per cent of the 1,249 adults polled said yes, 36.1 per cent said no with 6.9 per cent replying or undecided. Asked if preference should be given to new settlement activity in Galilee—within Israel's 1967 borders—or the West Bank, 65.8 per cent thought priority should be given to Galilee, while 24.1 per cent opted for new villages in the West Bank and 10.1 per cent were undecided or did not reply. Galilee is mainly populated by Arabs.

NATO aide identifies new Soviet weapons

BRUSSELS, May 15 (R) — A high-ranking NATO military official told the alliance's defence ministers today that the Soviet Union was trying deliberately to upset Europe's nuclear balance and was thought to have begun deploying a new nuclear missile. Gen. H.F. Zeiner Gunderson, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, identified the new weapon as the SS-21, a surface-to-surface rocket with a range of about 800 kilometres. He described it as a more accurate version of the SS-12, codenamed "scaleboard". Three weeks ago, U.S. intelligence reports disclosed that Soviet troops were deploying a new nuclear battlefield missile in East Germany known as the SS-21. In his report to ministers gathered in Brussels for a two-day meeting, Gen. Gunderson said the Soviet build-up of nuclear arms was a serious threat to Europe. He expressed concern over the deployment of the Soviet SS-20 missiles, the Tupolev swing-wing bomber, codenamed "backfire" by NATO, and the nuclear missiles probably carried by "golf class" submarines in the Baltic. An intelligence report told ministers that Moscow had deployed about 100 of the SS-20 rockets which move by road, carry three nuclear warheads and can be fired more than 3,000 kilometres. These are weapons belonging to the so-called "grey area", not covered by the American-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT). They are all likely to be included in a future SALT III round and NATO is considering whether to acquire similar long-range nuclear missiles to counter the Soviet capacity and thus have bargaining chips at SALT III.

Chief of Court returns from U.S.

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA) — The American public has now come to realise that the euphoria created by the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was deceptive, Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf said in a statement upon arrival here today at the end of a ten-day visit to the United States. U.S. public opinion has come a long way since the days when information media in the United States had described the treaty as a step towards comprehensive peace in the Middle East, he said. Sharif Abdul Hamid said that he had formed the impression that U.S. officials, as well as the American public, feel that the Carter administration has to go beyond its current position and face the issue of securing a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East with full responsibility. Both officials and the public feel that the U.S. must also face the issue of securing the Palestinian people's national rights and bringing about the withdrawal of Israeli forces of occupation from Arab territories in the framework of a comprehensive settlement, for that is the unanimous Arab position with the exception of only one state, as was demonstrated in the Arab summit conference in Baghdad, he said. U.S. public opinion is inclined to reconsider the situation but, he said, the Arab states ought to explain their position further on what constitutes a genuine basis for a comprehensive and just Middle East settlement. In answer to a question, Sharif Abdul Hamid said he had not conveyed any specific new proposal to U.S. officials. He had, however, explained the Arab point of view. During the visit, Sharif Abdul Hamid attended the annual conference of the National Association of Arab Americans and delivered a major speech outlining Jordan's view vis-a-vis the Middle East question and the Arab stand in general in the light of the Arab summit conference in Baghdad. He also met with various government officials and with the Senate and House foreign relations committees. Among the senior American leaders he met were Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, National Security Affairs Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and Secretary of Defence Harold Brown.

Warsaw Pact ministers adopt joint programme

BUDAPEST, May 15 (Agencies) — Soviet bloc foreign ministers ended an annual conference today after only 1-1/2 days in session. The end of the meeting, originally expected to continue until this evening, was announced by the Hungarian news agency MTI, which said Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko left immediately afterwards by air for Moscow. MTI said the foreign ministers of the seven Warsaw Pact countries adopted a joint programme. The document was not immediately made public.

Apart from Mr. Gromyko, the meeting was attended by ministers from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania. Informed sources said the ministers were mapping communist strategy in what the Kremlin sees as a new phase in east-west relations following agreement last week on a second-stage treaty to limit U.S. and Soviet strategic arsenals. Mr. Gromyko was understood to have briefed the other ministers on the implications of the SALT accord, which will be signed by President Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in Vienna in mid-June. The Middle East, Moscow's continuing feud with China, and the deadlocked east-west negotiations on troop reductions in Central Europe were also reported to figure on the agenda.

Death toll in India's cyclone rises to 350

NEW DELHI, May 15 (R) — The official death toll in the weekend cyclone which devastated the coast of the southeast Indian state of Andhra Pradesh rose to 350 today. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister M. Chenna Reddy told journalists that 350 deaths had been reported so far and the final toll might rise to 500. Severely disrupted communications were restored in a day or two and only then could a clear picture emerge, he said. About 1,500 villages and hamlets in the state were affected by the cyclone which killed another 18 people in neighbouring Tamil Nadu, according to official reports. Parliament was told unofficial estimates put the value of damage in Andhra Pradesh at five billion rupees (\$625 million). Planes, helicopters and boats were being used to take emergency food supplies to stranded villagers while rescue workers tried to reopen roads. Scores of relief centres have been set up along the coastal belt. The cyclone was a powerful storm which hit the coast of Andhra Pradesh on Sunday night, causing widespread destruction and loss of life. The official death toll in the weekend cyclone which devastated the coast of the southeast Indian state of Andhra Pradesh rose to 350 today. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister M. Chenna Reddy told journalists that 350 deaths had been reported so far and the final toll might rise to 500. Severely disrupted communications were restored in a day or two and only then could a clear picture emerge, he said. About 1,500 villages and hamlets in the state were affected by the cyclone which killed another 18 people in neighbouring Tamil Nadu, according to official reports. Parliament was told unofficial estimates put the value of damage in Andhra Pradesh at five billion rupees (\$625 million). Planes, helicopters and boats were being used to take emergency food supplies to stranded villagers while rescue workers tried to reopen roads. Scores of relief centres have been set up along the coastal belt.

Iranian press crisis grows Kayhan journalists walk out, workers put out pirate edition

TEHRAN, May 15 (Agencies) — Journalists walked out of Iran's biggest newspaper today in protest against encroachments on press freedom. But workers defied the editor and their colleagues to bring out a pirate edition of the paper, the afternoon daily Kayhan. The conflict is part of a growing crisis in the Iranian press and a reflection of the power struggle now going on between leftists and Muslim fundamentalists who joined forces last winter to overthrow the Shah. A senior editorial spokesman at Kayhan told Reuters today that since the February revolution, whenever a journalist wrote an article which the workers considered too critical of the new regime, the workers would refuse to print it and storm through the office shouting "Allahu Akbar." The liberal independent daily Ayandegan ceased publishing last Sunday after being violently criticised by Ayatollah Khomeini, who has become Iran's unofficial head of state. The Tehran leftist daily Peygham Emruz has complained that its copies have been burned in the provinces and news vendors beaten up for selling it. The capital's other afternoon daily, Etelaat, printed a front page editorial today calling on Ayatollah Khomeini to stop "irresponsible people interfering with the press and acting against press freedom." At Kayhan, which normally circulates about one million copies, trouble began today when workers locked out 20 members of the editorial staff. Most other journalists went on strike and held a meeting to protest. But Kayhan's Islamic Workers' Association published a skeleton newspaper anyway. The front page splash in the pirate edition was a call by the 78-year-old Ayatollah Khomeini for world Islamic revolution. The paper carried no foreign news and the only photograph was a picture of Ayatollah Khomeini. Meanwhile, three officers of the Shah's security forces, including two from the hated Savak secret police, were executed by firing squad early today after being found guilty of massacring people and "waging war on God." The three who died today had been condemned on Sunday night and brought the number of political executions since the overthrow of the monarchy to at least 209.

Iranian Arabs overrun police station

KORRAMSHAHR, Iran May 15 (AP) — About 60 members of the political organisation "Arab People of Iran" attacked and overran the police headquarters of this frontier city in southeastern Iran, authorities reported today. The attack last night, took place as Admiral Ahmad Madani, Governor General of Iran's oil rich Khuzestan province, was conferring with Ayatollah Mohammad Taher Al Shobeir Khaghani, the spiritual leader of the Arab speaking Iranians. Their discussions centered on how to avert clashes like the one that erupted Sunday in Khorramshahr between members of the "Arab People of Iran" and rival group in which 8 persons were injured and more than 10 taken hostage. The incident was another indication of the dangerous tension that exists between the ethnic Arab minority in Khuzestan and the central government in Tehran. The Arab minority seeks some form of local autonomy. Admiral Madani who is also chief of the navy, told the Associated Press in Khorramshahr that because of the prevailing situation in the coastal province, "general disarmament would be carried out in Khuzestan before anywhere else in the country." He stressed that "from now on, we are not going to deal leniently with opportunistic elements in the region." Admiral Madani claimed that most of the arms found in Khuzestan are smuggled in from a neighbouring country which he declined to name.

Tito to visit Moscow

MOSCOW, May 15 (Agencies) — Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito arrives here tomorrow for "unofficial" but potentially crucial talks with ailing Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev. Diplomatic observers in Moscow will be watching the visit closely for signs of how well the 72-year-old Brezhnev copes with several rounds of talks with Tito, both here and at the Soviet leader's secluded villa in the Crimea. This is expected to provide valuable hints about what Mr. Brezhnev's condition may be when he meets on June 15-18 in Vienna with U.S. President Jimmy Carter to sign the new SALT II treaty. President Tito himself will turn 87 later this month. As a 25-year-old activist he had taken part personally in the 1917 Bolshevik revolution—at a time when Brezhnev was still a boy of 11. Yet despite his advanced age, President Tito is said to be in considerably better health than Mr. Brezhnev, who recently has shown more pronounced problems with his speech, hearing and walk. Earlier this year, signs of mounting friction emerged when the Soviet Union charged that Yugoslav news media had mounted a "Gross propagandistic campaign" in reporting on the war in Cambodia between pro-Chinese and Soviet-backed Vietnamese forces. Belgrade, in turn, has accused Moscow of trying to use Cuba to split the world non-aligned movement which President Tito helped to found and has supported for many years. Western diplomatic sources here said these and other issues, among them Belgrade's independent political stands, were expected to figure in the Moscow talks.

Castro to visit Mexico

HAVANA, May 15 (R) — Cuban President Fidel Castro leaves for Mexico on Thursday for a two-day visit, his first trip there since he left it 23 years ago to launch the guerrilla war in Cuba which brought him to power. A brief official statement said the Cuban leader would hold talks with Mexican leader Jose Lopez Portillo on Thursday and Friday on the island of Cozumel off Mexico's east coast. Talks were expected to relate to the increasing economic ties between the two countries, particularly possible technical help by Mexico for Cuba's vital sugar industry. The two leaders may also discuss an oil trade-off agreement under which the Soviet Union would divert some oil supplies from Cuba to Spain, while Mexico would channel some supplies marked for Spain to Cuba to cut shipping costs. President Castro has not been to Mexico since he left it for Cuba in a small boat with 80 poorly-armed men in December, 1956, to set the spark to the revolution. During the attempted isolation of Cuba by the Organisation of American States from 1964 to 1975, Mexico was the only Latin American country not to sever ties with Cuba. Four years ago, the then Mexican President Luis Echeverria visited Cuba. Dr. Castro's visit will be only his second to the Latin American continent in about 20 years. In 1971, he called on Marxist President Salvador Allende in Chile, stopping in Peru and Ecuador on the way.

ional Briefs

May 15 (R) — President Ahmed Hassan Al Bakr a written message from North Yemeni President alah on the means of consolidating bilateral relations. The Iraq News Agency said the message was conveyed by the Yemeni Minister of Information, Mr. Yehya Al Arashi, who arrived as special envoy of President Saleh. Mr. Arashi similar messages to President Hafez Al Assad of Majesty King Hussein. May 15 (R) — Venezuelan Mines and Energy Minister Calderon Berti had talks today with United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayun. irates News Agency (WAM) said. They discussed ns in the petroleum field, WAM said. Mr. Calde- in Abu Dhabi last night on the third leg of a our which has already taken him to Kuwait, and y 15 (R) — Indian Minister of State for External ndra Kundu arrived today on a two-day official- itanate. Radio Oman reported. He will have talks oos Bin Said tomorrow, it added. Mr. Kundu's taken him to Bahrain and Tunisia, is connected ber summit conference of non-aligned countries ip is also intended to explain India's position on raeli peace treaty, which India has said falls short sive settlement of the Middle East problem. Mr. um to New Delhi from Muscat. May 15 (R) — Arab tanker owners will from next re their tankers as one fleet instead of separately as insurance company executive, Mr. Wasef Jabseh, decision was taken yesterday at a two-day con- insurance companies and Arab hydrocarbons- anies from the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, nd the Libyan Jamahiriyyah. Mr. Jabseh, general Abu Dhabi National Insurance Company, valued anker fleet at between two to three billion dollars, nker owners, insurance companies and the rein- it would gain from the new measure through While the tanker insurance was restricted to Arab anies, the re-insurance would be international, he land, May 15 (AP) — Mr. Ardashir Zahedi, former ador to Washington whose name is on the assas- Iran's Islamic revolutionary court, has asked for in Switzerland, a spokesman for the federal jus- id today. Ulrich Hubacher said Mr. Zahedi had, st some time ago and that a decision was expected few weeks. Mr. Zahedi is a close confidant of the nd has joined him on the list of prominent exiles Tehran last Sunday along with an official call for jon. y 15 (R) — Iran's finance minister before the Feb- m, Rostam Pirasteh, has surrendered to the nking sources said today. Mr. Pirasteh was man- of the International Bank of Iran. He became er last January in the cabinet of Prime Minister htar, who resigned at the height of Iran's revolu-

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Lebanese portents

IT IS CLEAR by now that the setback which the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty presented to Arab interests and Arab rights can be, must be, will be turned into a victory for those same rights and interests.

This is seen in the universality of the Arab response to the Egyptian-Israeli challenge, as well as in individual responses among and between Arab states: increased political and economic cooperation, closer diplomatic coordination, hastened steps towards unity. In this sense, the very aggressiveness of Zionist expansionism can, with the application of sufficient determination, be turned to the Arab advantage.

A testing ground of this thesis is Lebanon. The current effort by the Lebanese leaders and the Syrians who have lent their power and prestige to the cause of pacifying and unifying the rival Lebanese political forces to safeguard the sovereignty and very existence of that fragile entity, is therefore highly significant.

Despite Israel's blatant attempts to make Lebanon the premier Arab sacrificial victim of the new "era of peace" with Egypt, there are several encouraging signs that this Israeli strategy will backfire.

The Lebanese progressive forces, splintered into perhaps a dozen ideological factions and riven by contention over personalities and strategies, appear to be joining ranks to confront the new challenge from the rightist forces who are collaborating with the Israeli plot to undermine the sovereignty and unity of the country. While ultimately we can never take comfort from evidences of strife, we should cautiously welcome indications that the rightist forces are themselves falling into disarray. Renegade Major Saad Haddad's vicious threat to take reprisals against villagers who resist his Israeli-backed rebellion is likely only to harden the resolve of his would-be constituents to block his traitorous course.

There is no quick or easy solution to Lebanon's crisis, and Presidents Sarkis and Assad would be correct in opting for the most stringent measures necessary to impose peace and security once again. Surely the fact that the Israelis have chosen this moment to step up their brutal aggression against the Palestinians in Lebanon must indicate a vital new role for the Palestinian resistance in whatever peace moves are proposed.

Lebanon has one common enemy, and that is an expansionist Israel bent on gaining on the north and east what it has just gained through the absorption of Egypt on the west. Mr. Begin, in fact, makes no secret of his desire for a "normalisation of relations" with Lebanon similar to that which he has achieved with Egypt.

That should be sufficient reason for all the Lebanese parties to end the internecine violence which is such a drain on common Arab resources and put their shoulders to the wider struggle at hand.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

UNDER THE TITLE "We will always remain strong," AL RA'Y in its editorial Wednesday quotes extensively from His Majesty King Hussein's recent address to the seminar of Islamic preachers and spiritual guides, and says that the King's address in affirming that Jordan will never accept to be a weak link in the Arab nation, "raises to the level of meeting the Arab responsibility of facing up to the challenges and dangers threatening Jordan and the Arab nation."

The paper says that the King was the first leader in the Arab World to call for the building up of indigenous Arab strength. Such strength is necessary for the Arabs to be able to shoulder their national duties, the paper says.

The King's address inspires the confidence that Jordan will always remain strong, the paper continues. His pledge to continue supporting the Arabs in the occupied territories, the paper adds, strengthens their will to close ranks in confronting the challenges posed by the Israeli occupation authorities.

In conclusion, the paper says that the King's address represents a call for all Arabs to be loyal in confronting Zionism which "threatens the Arab and Muslim character."

Commenting on the same subject AL DUSTOOR likewise says that Arabs and Muslims in general and spiritual guides in particular are aware of the significance of His Majesty King Hussein's presence at the seminar, and of his call on Arabs to uphold Islamic solidarity.

The King's concentration on Islamic solidarity and adherence to the heritage of Arabs and Islam as means of restoring usurped Arab rights is worth pondering, the paper says.

The King's assurance that Arabs will never abandon Jerusalem, and will continue to support their fellow Arabs in the occupied territories, the paper says, gives the 31st anniversary of the establishing of Israel a special meaning, and urges the Arabs to forget their grief over the loss of their homeland, and to start building up the strength with which to continue the struggle.

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Aid to Jordan unchanged, U.S. officials confirm

By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 15 — Official American sources here this week confirmed the recent statements of several Jordanian officials that the level of American aid to Jordan remains unchanged, despite the obvious differences in opinion of the two states on present political developments in the Middle East.

Finance Minister Mohammad Dabbas said earlier this week in a Kuwaiti newspaper interview that American aid to Jordan continues at its agreed upon level, while last week Jordan Valley Authority Vice President Munther Haddadin said that American financial aid pledged for the Maqarin Dam project — the cornerstone of the massive Jordan Valley comprehensive development scheme also remains unchanged.

American sources told the Jordan Times that the commitment to donate \$150 million over three years for the Maqarin Dam remains unaltered, and that the present technical discussions taking place in various committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives have to do with the time-frame within which the money will actually be appropriated and spent.

The original plan was to provide three instalments of \$50 million, \$38 million and \$62 million, in fiscal years 1979, 1980 and 1981 (the American fiscal year starts on Oct. 1 and ends on Sept. 30). But because technical studies for the Maqarin Dam have been delayed, the first U.S. instalment of \$50 million is unlikely to be paid before the end of this U.S. fiscal year on Sept. 30. This is because the aid agreement which has to be signed between the Jordanian government and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) needs to be preceded by a series of international meetings, involving World Bank officials and those of other countries providing aid for the Jordan Valley project.

U.S. law stipulates that if the appropriated aid is not used during the fiscal year for which it is approved, it does not carry over into the next year. Instead, a new appropriation decision has to be made, and this is what is taking place now in several congressional committees.

In view of the delay in the dam's technical studies and the likelihood that the \$50 million appropriated for this year will not be used by Jordan before Sept. 30, U.S. State Department officials have asked Congress to extend the first \$50 million instalment for another year. This would allow Jordan to use the \$50 million instalment during the 1980 fiscal year, and the second and third instalments of the Maqarin Dam aid would then be provided in 1981 and 1982 respectively.

The technical discussions in Congress to reappropriate the Maqarin Dam aid for three years starting in 1980 have apparently been misinterpreted by some Arabic-language Jordanian news media to give the impression that the Maqarin Dam aid is being reduced by the United States. American officials say this is incorrect.

For fiscal year 1979, American aid to Jordan totalled \$99.2 million, excluding the money pledged for the Maqarin Dam. This breaks down into \$30 million in budget support, \$58 million in capital projects assistance (long-term concessional loans), \$5 million in technical assistance grants (for manpower training, technical studies and health and agricultural sector assistance) and \$6.2 million in PL (Public Law) 480 aid, which goes primarily to buy American wheat.

Had the \$50 million Maqarin Dam appropriation for 1979 been used on time, total American aid to Jordan in 1979 would have been \$149.2 million.

For the coming 1980 U.S. fiscal year, the sources say, the White House and State Department have asked Congress to provide Jordan with \$60 million in aid as well as the Maqarin Dam money, or a total of \$110 million. This aid package is now being discussed by several congressional committees and will be approved sometime in September, though it could be altered by Congress.

It breaks down into \$20 million for budget support, \$32.7 million in capital projects assistance (all of which is earmarked for water pro-

King visits Beni Sakhr tribes

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA)—His Majesty King Hussein today visited Beni Sakhr tribes at Jiza south of here and met with their chiefs to discuss promoting public services in their region.

The King was accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Al Lawzi, chief chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Commander in Chief of the Jordanian armed forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and several other officials.

Queen Noor inspects work on bird garden

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA)—Her Majesty Queen Noor today visited the bird garden being constructed in Shmeisani to familiarise herself with the work in progress there.

The garden, which will be open for the public next month, was established in honour of the International Year of the Child with the object of helping children appreciate the Jordanian environment.

Receiving Her Majesty at the garden were the Mayor of Amman Mr. Ma'n Abu Nwar, and several other municipality officials.

Jordanian-Saudi committee ends Riyadh meet

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA)—The Jordanian-Saudi Arabian joint economic committee which ended meetings in Riyadh yesterday discussed a number of subjects connected with increasing the volume of trade exchanged between the two countries. This was announced here today by the under-secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Dr. Hashem Dabbas upon his return from Riyadh today.

The committee also discussed the opening of Saudi Arabian and Jordanian commercial centres in Amman and Riyadh, the establishment of joint industrial ventures and granting transit and travel facilities between the two countries, Dr. Dabbas said.

The Jordanian side included, in addition to Dr. Dabbas, a three-member team from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Ministry of Finance.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibit of photos on Provence, which is open during regular hours.

Painting Exhibit

The Goethe Institute presents a water colour illustration exhibit by Jan Cejka entitled "Wild Flowers of Jordan." The exhibit is open during regular hours.

American Films

The American Centre presents two films starting at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. The first is "Golden Age of Comedy" and the second is "12 o'clock High." Free entry tickets should be picked up in advance.

Art Exhibit

The British Council presents an exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Aziz Amoura and Quram Nimri. The exhibit is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

French Documentaries

The French Cultural Centre presents two films about Provence at 6:00 p.m. on Monday. The first is "Memoires de Provence" and the second is "Autour de la Tour Magne."

ECONOSCOPE

Why issue large currency denomination

By Jawad Ahmad

THE PREVALENT use of large currency denominations has been the subject of analysis by many economists. If the currency in circulation tends to favour large denominations, then this is a sign of inflation. Smaller notes lose their purchasing power and they are useful for convenience of exchange rather than anything else.

Well, that is how the theory goes. However, Dr. Berdg Kenadjan, the chief economist of the American Internal Revenue Service, produced a different interpretation. According to him, the increased use of large denominations is a measure of the size of the black economy.

In periods of inflation in the more developed economies people refrain from using money altogether. The psychological reaction to paying large sums is softened through more intensive use of cheques and credit cards as means of payment. This was tested in the United States and Britain and was found to be true. In periods of inflation people were actually expanding their use of methods of payment other than cash. The theory is not established yet and debate over it is still going on.

Well, let us test this theory in Jordan. The period 1973-1978 in Jordan witnessed an annual increase in prices that averaged about 13 to 14 per cent. If we look at the JD 10 denomination we find that its share in the currency issued in the period 1973-77 did not increase in terms of percentages. In 1973, the percentage was 69.3, in 1974 it was 72.4, in 1975 it was 74.2, in 1976 it was 68.1, and in 1977 it was 74.3. The increase in these per-

centages is hardly high enough to show a parallel to the rates of inflation.

However, in 1978 the Central Bank of Jordan introduced the JD 20 denomination. If we add total currency in JD 10 and JD 20 denomination and compare this to the currency in circulation the percentage jumps to 81.1 in December. In the months of January, February and March 1979 the percentages were 81.9, 82.3 and respectively.

The year 1978 was not a year of high inflation (only 7 percent) but the percentage of large currency denominations increased substantially. Why?

Well, the use of cheques by Jordanians has increased, as is evident from the cheques cleared through the banks. Then we cannot include it as a variable. Therefore we have to find a solid It could be due to hoarding. When people have money they prefer to do so in large denominations. But looking at the table of money supply we find that the increase in money in circulation compared to total deposits does not justify explanation. Moreover, the total value of denominations has remained almost the same, thus swapping one denomination for another not actually take place.

Are there more black market dealings before? Well, how could anybody produce money to that end? The crux of the matter is the high percentage of large denominations resulted from the Central Bank's decision to issue larger notes. There may be no relation between the size of denomination and inflation.

Regional FAO meet on use of land, water ends

Near East region.

The Land and Water Use in the Near East Commission was set up by FAO in 1967 with the aim of supporting national programmes and grant-

ing aid and assistance to the efficiency of agriculture and fishing and to improve the conditions of the people in related activities.

National New Roundup...

Badran announces census for Sept. 10 to Nov. 15

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA)—Prime Minister Mudar Badran announced today that the General Statistics Department will conduct a general census of population and houses between September 10 to November 15, 1979.

Royal decree endorses engineering faculty at Yarmouk

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA)—A Royal decree was issued today by a decision by Yarmouk University's Royal Commission to establish an engineering faculty at the university as of the next year 1979/80. The faculty will include civil engineering, arch and city planning. Another Royal decree also issued appointed Minister of Transport Ali Subhmat as member university's Royal Commission.

Amman Municipality to begin inspection campaign

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA)—The Municipality of Amman will embark on an inspection campaign to make sure that commercial establishments and centres and industrial shops official licences authorising them to do business. The purpose of the campaign is also to ascertain whether or not these centres exactly the professions specified in their licences. The Municipality Amman calls on violators to check with the relevant department correct any infraction before the beginning of the campaign.

Jordan's WHO delegation offers Amman as its H.Q.

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA)—Ministry of Health under-secretary Rizq Al Rashdan today said that Jordan's delegation to the Health Organisation (WHO) meeting in Geneva, has expressed its preparedness to have Amman be used as the venue WHO regional headquarters. The current regional headquarters is Alexandria, Egypt.

Coming & Going

Chambers of commerce delegation leaves for Moscow

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA) — A delegation from the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce left for Moscow today for a week-long visit at the invitation of the Soviet chamber of industry and commerce. The delegation's head, Mr. Mohammad Ali Budeir, said the two sides will hold talks on ways of increasing trade cooperation between Jordan and the Soviet Union.

Cooperatives delegation leaves for Prague

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA) — A two-man delegation from the Jordan Cooperative Organisation left for Prague today to take part in the 25th international conference of cooperative organisations which starts on Thursday. Main subject to be discussed during the month-long conference will be economic planning as a tool for promoting cooperative movements. The participants will also review working papers dealing with the work of cooperatives in the industrial, agricultural and housing fields. Taking part will be delegates representing cooperative movements in developing countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America as well as several European countries.

Communications official back from Qatar

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA) — Under-secretary of the Ministry of Communications Faris Sarayreh said here today that the executive council of the Arab Postal Union has decided to suspend Egypt's membership and transfer the union's headquarters from Cairo to Tunis. He was speaking here upon return from the council's eleven-day meeting which ended in Qatar yesterday. The council also discussed a unified stand for Arab states to be adopted during the Universal Postal Union conference to be held in Brazil next September, Mr. Sarayreh said. He added that Jordanian and other Arab delegations also held talks on promoting postal cooperation among Arab countries. Mr. Sarayreh was accompanied by a two-member delegation from the Ministry of Communications.

INVITATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING BUILDINGS.

The University of Jordan invites bidders who participated in the preliminary qualifications tender (21/79) for the construction of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology Buildings, to call for the tender Documents against non-refundable fee of JD 300 per copy.

The closing date for submission of offers is on Monday, July 9th, 1979.

Secretary General (Mohammad Saleh Abu)

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Process may be irreversible

King Talal Dam suffers from worsening pollution

By Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 15 — Pollution in the Zarqa River has become so severe lately that it is now threatening to destroy the usefulness of Jordan's largest man-made water supply: the King Talal Dam reservoir.

Only completed last year, the reservoir had been considered a possible source of water for Amman. But a recent government decision has turned the reservoir back over to the Jordan Valley Authority for agricultural use, probably due to the deterioration of the quality of the water.

But now there is concern that the water may be even too polluted for irrigation.

The problem lies in the dam's catchment area. The dam derives its water from a 3,300 square kilometre area taking in the most urbanised and industrialised region of Jordan: the Amman-Zarqa area.

In this zone lie 90 per cent of the country's industry, 66 per cent of the motor vehicles and 65 per cent of the country's population.

The real dangers to the King Talal Dam reservoir stem from increasing quantities of pollutants, especially minerals, such as phosphates, phosphorous and nitrates, which foster eutrophication.

"Eutrophication" means over-fertilisation of algae and other water plants in the streams and open waters. The result is an increase in the growth of algae and other plants which leads to a high production of organic material on the surface of the reservoir. As this material decomposes it causes a decrease in the oxygen content of the water below the surface.

With little oxygen the fish die. "A rapid increase in plankton production and the deterioration in the odour and taste of the water are the results of such a development," Dr. Elias Salameh, a professor at the University of Jordan, said in an article published last year on the dangers of eutrophication in the waters of the King Talal Dam reservoir. "The process is almost irreversible for

This is the second article in a four-part series on problems affecting water sources in the Amman region. Yesterday's article dealt with Amman's groundwater supply.

the reservoir and the water in it, therefore, is poisoned," he added.

Plankton growth in a body of water depends mainly on the availability of phosphates and nitrates. Nitrate concentrations in the Amman-Zarqa area are generally above the World Health Organisation (WHO) limit of 50 milligrammes per litre, according to analyses carried out by the Natural Resources Authority.

When phosphates are present in concentrations of more than about 0.01 or 0.02 grammes per litre the algae will mass produce. The main sources of phosphates in the King Talal Dam catchment area are waste water, detergents and the soil.

Dr. Salameh estimates that about 712 tons of phosphates are deposited in the catchment area each year in the form of wastes. Detergents, he figures, provide another 365 tons of phosphates a year. Natural phosphates from the soil and deposits account for another 20 tons a year.

The total comes to 1,097 tons per year, representing a concentration of about 0.02 grammes per litre of phosphates in the total reservoir supply each year.

If the eutrophication process continues at the present rate, according to Dr. Salameh, it will cause an increasing productivity of plants in the water such as algal blooms, similar to the Red Tides occurring seasonally in some parts of the seas. The end result will be the complete breakdown of the ecosystem and the death of all fish.

"This development has already begun to take place in the King Talal Dam reservoir," he said.

Treatment of water containing algal blooms creates great difficulties. The decomposition of the algae within the filters produces gas bubbles which give the filtered water an unpleasant odour and taste.

The only real solution would be to keep the phosphates from reaching the reservoir. This, however, would be very expensive and would make the water costs very high. It would require the construction of fore-dams with plants for removing the phosphate.

But eutrophication is not the only danger. Since the development of the industrial zone between Amman and Zarqa the levels of mineral and elemental pollution in the Zarqa River have increased substantially. The industrial zone consists of a detergent plant, paint distilleries, beer factories, dairy products factories, textiles plants, the refinery, tanning plants, paper and steel mills and other factories, all of which discharge their wastes untreated into the Zarqa River.

The wastes have already changed the physical conditions of the stream. And analyses of some wells in the area indicate gross pollution from nitrates, cadmium, potassium, sulfuric acid, chlorine and sodium. These wastes are making their way to the reservoir.

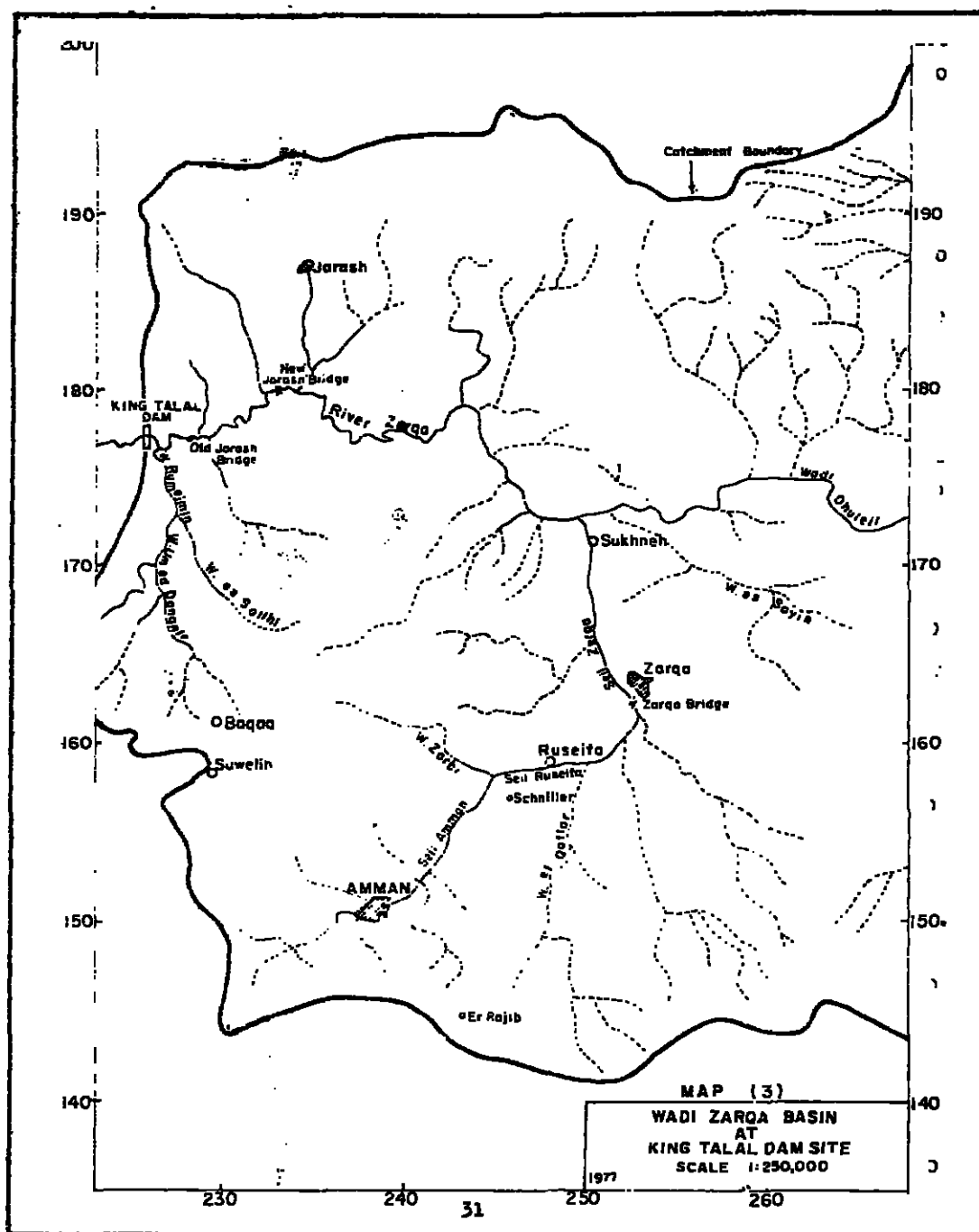
The three main cities in the catchment area, Amman, Zarqa and Jerash, all discharge their waste either directly or indirectly into the Zarqa River or one of the other tributaries in the catchment area. Even when the treatment plants for the three cities are completed between 1980 and 1982 the effluent flow will be discharged into the stream. Thus the threat of higher nitrate pollution will increase.

The gradual increase in the concentration of toxic elements will be of great significance for agriculture.

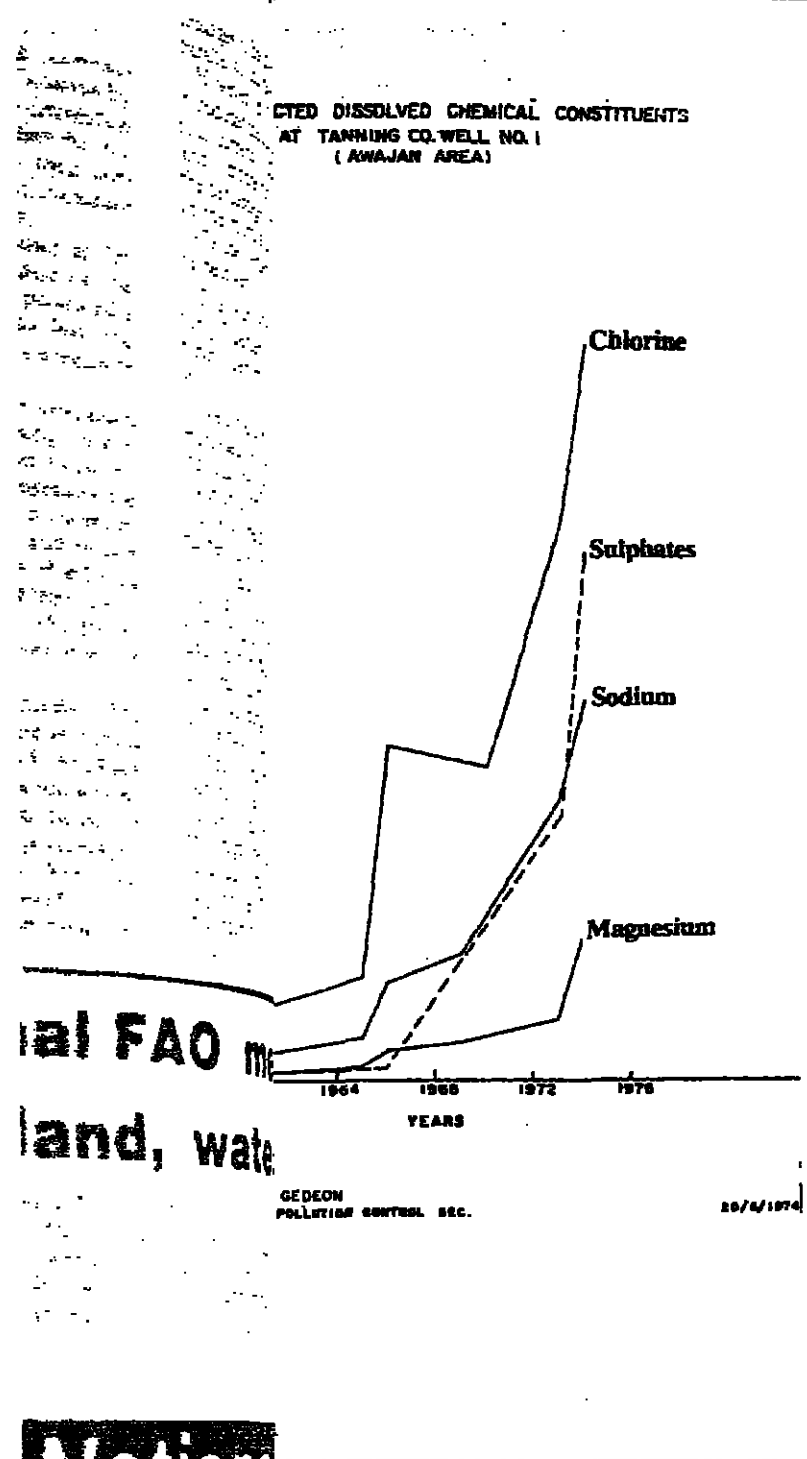
Another factor is the high level of salinity in the reservoir. According to Dr. Salameh, the total dissolved salts have been increasing in the reservoir. The levels already exceeded 1,200 milligrammes per litre last year, while the WHO limit for salinity is 1,500 milligrammes per litre.

So unless steps are taken to halt the contamination of the Zarqa River, the King Talal Dam reservoir will become increasingly unfit for use as time goes on, defying treatment.

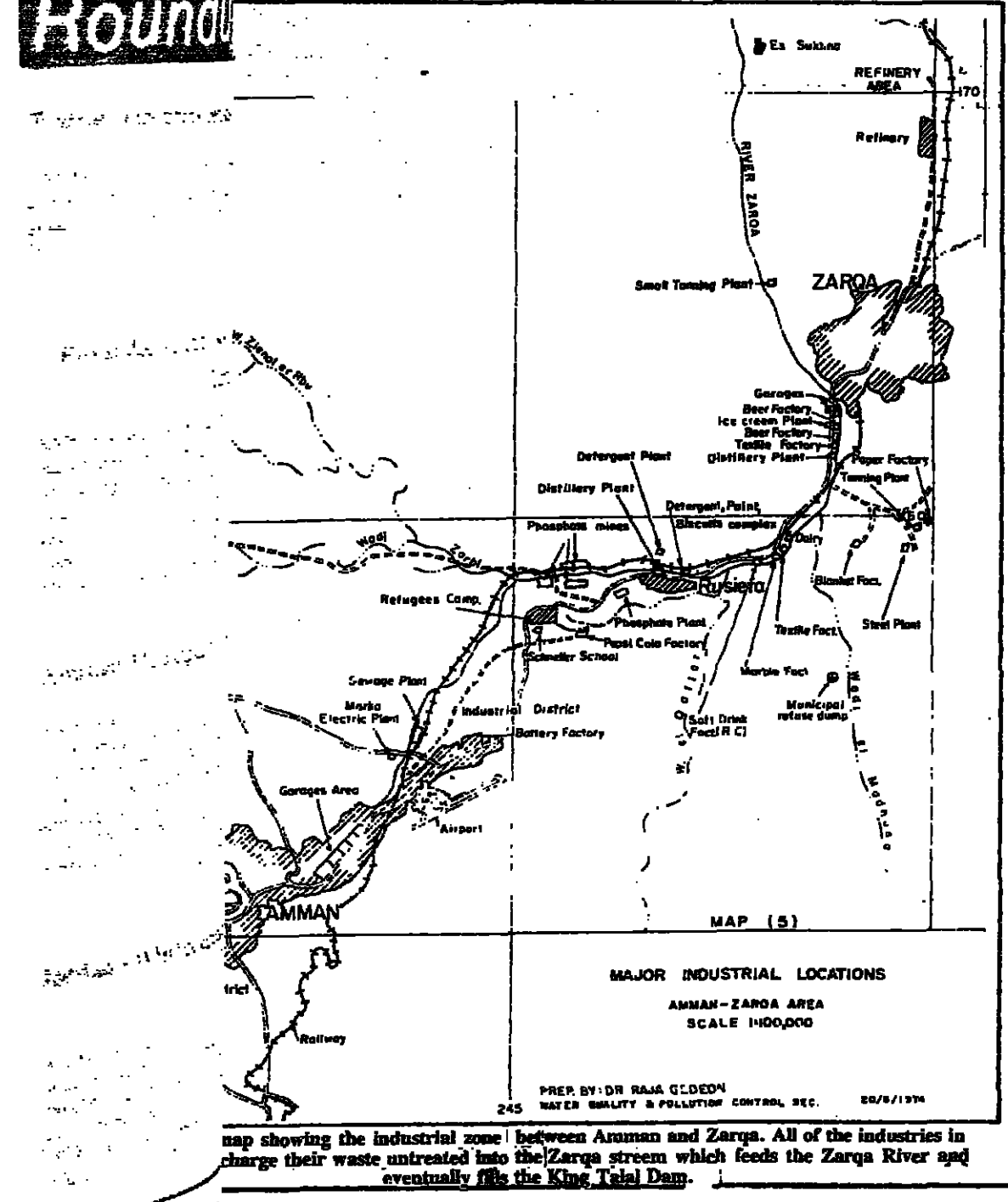
Tomorrow:
The rainfall shortage



This map shows the catchment area for the King Talal Dam. All of the tributaries flow into the Zarqa River which feeds the reservoir.



the increasing quantities of pollutants in one of the Amman-Zarqa industrial zones.



Map showing the industrial zone between Amman and Zarqa. All of the industries in this zone charge their waste untreated into the Zarqa stream which feeds the Zarqa River and eventually fills the King Talal Dam.

Crime defence organisation expels Egypt

AMMAN, May 15 (JNA) — The executive council of the Arab Organisation for Social Defence Against Crime has suspended Egypt's membership and called for a general assembly meeting to consider the transfer of the organisation's headquarters from Egypt to Saudi Arabia, Jordan or Tunisia.

This was announced here today by Amman police chief Col. Yusef Gharaybeh upon his return from the meeting which ended in Riyadh on Sunday.

He said the council, made up of representatives from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Abu Dhabi, also discussed financial and administrative matters pertaining to the organisation in the light of decisions made at the Arab foreign ministers conference in Baghdad.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Temperatures will be below normal with low clouds and northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba there will be hazy weather with northerly fresh winds and calm seas.

	Nighttime	Daytime
Amman	11	22
Aqaba	16	32
Deserts	10	26
Jordan Valley	17	32

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	304.00/306.00
U.K. sterling	622.00/629.00
West German mark	160.00/161.00
Swiss franc	176.60/177.70
French franc	69.20/69.60
Italian lire	(for every 100)
Japanese yen	35.80/36.00
(for every 100)	
Dutch guilder	142.00/142.90
Swedish crown	147.00/147.90

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	8,051	—	6,750	6,700
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	2,791	15,100	15,450	15,100
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	3,076	2,230	2,250	2,230
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	147	1,480	1,540	1,470
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	5,301	1,010	1,020	1,020
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	2,983	2,660	2,710	2,700
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	950	0,950	0,960	0,950
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	5,086	1,370	1,380	1,380
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	127	0,840	0,880	0,850
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	88	0,870	0,900	0,880
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	44	4,400	4,420	4,400
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	210	1,400	1,420	1,400
Arab Development and Investment Co.	JD 2,000	1,170	1,320	1,300	1,300
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	440	88,500	90,900	88,000
The Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	2,340	—	1,200	1,120

Total volume traded, Tuesday, May 15: JD 32,704
Total number of shares traded: 17,158

	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
Government Development Bonds	JD 5,000	2,307	660	1980	5,010
	JD 5,000	1,827	350	1982	5,220
Total volume traded: JD 10,544	JD 5,000	1,545	300	1986	5,150
Total number of bonds traded: 1,689	JD 10,000	3,865	379	1987	10,200

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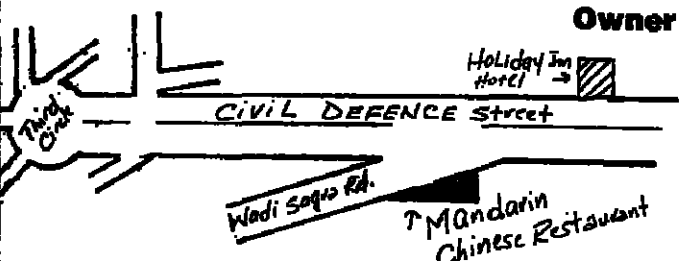


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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Australia wins Nations Cup tourney

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, May 15 (R)—John Alexander, with his whirlwind first service working powerfully, led Australia to victory in the Nations Cup international men's team tennis championship here yesterday. Australia beat Italy 2-1 in the final, with Alexander winning his singles match and joining Phil Dent in a doubles victory which clinched the tie. Alexander outclassed Italian number one Corrado Barazzutti in the opening singles 6-2, 6-0. Adriano Panatta competently disposed of Dent 6-3, 6-3 to level the tie, but the Australian pair beat Panatta and Paolo Bertolucci 6-3, 7-6 in the doubles.

African boxing tourney advanced to July

NAIROBI, May 15 (R)—This year's East and Central Africa Boxing Championships here have been brought forward from August to July, Kenya Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) officials said yesterday. The annual tournament for Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Lesotho, Ethiopia, Seychelles and Mauritius will now take place between July 24 to 27, one week after the end of the all-Africa championships in Benghazi, Libya. "We expect the member countries of the East and Central Africa Boxing Confederation of Africa to stick to the new dates and bring their teams here direct from Libya," ABA Secretary Harrison Kilongo said. The all-Africa championships are scheduled for July 6 to 18.

U.K. rugby teams arrive in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, May 15 (R)—The first two of a string of British club and country rugby sides due to tour South Africa during the next few months have arrived in the country. Middlesex and Surrey this week begin a series of matches against South African club, provincial and invitation teams. A star-

tudded Surrey squad, captained by Welsh centre Keith Hughes and including nine internationals, announced on its arrival that it would also play the Rhodesian national side in Salisbury on Saturday. The match, which defies a 14-year-old British Government ban on representative games with the outlawed nation, was kept under wraps until the Surrey players had left Britain to avoid political pressure for its cancellation. The British tours are seen as an important boost for South African rugby after the failure of planned French tours by Springbok and Transvaal sides.

Somerset out-wickets Gloucestershire

LONDON, May 15 (R)—Somerset coasted to a seven wickets win over Gloucestershire in their Benson and Hedges Cup cricket match yesterday. Without their captain, Mike Procter, who injured his back playing squash on Saturday, Gloucestershire were dismissed for only 120 runs. Somerset reached their modest victory target in 24 overs, with Peter Roebuck making the top score of 44, including eight boundaries. Paul Todd, Nottinghamshire's 26-year-old opening batsman, hit 176 in the friendly match against Sri Lanka—two short of his career-best score. The adventurous Todd thumped four sixes and 26 fours, helping his team reach 408 for nine declared and a first innings lead of 122. In the midst of the Nottinghamshire run spree, Sri Lanka left-arm spinner Jeganathan had a fine spell in which he took four wickets in ten balls. He finished with figures of four for 92. At the close of the second day's play, Sri Lanka had lost three second innings wickets for 25 runs.

Arsenal draws with Chelsea

LONDON, May 15 (R)—Arsenal, showing signs of reaction from their thrilling English Football Association Cup final victory over Manchester United on Saturday, ended up their league prog-

ramme last night with a 1-1 draw with Chelsea, the bottom club in Division One. In lower spheres, Watford clinched a place in the second division with a 4-0 avalanche over Hull City and Wimbledon gained promotion from the Fourth Division with a 1-1 draw against Barnsley. Millwall, fighting to avoid relegation from the Second Division, beat West Ham United 2-1 and now need to win their last two games by a total of eight clear goals to escape the drop. For Arsenal, Malcolm MacDonald marked his comeback after missing virtually the whole season with a knee injury by scoring the equalising goal. The cup winners trailed for most of the match to a Chelsea goal in the eighth minute by Gary Stanley and it was not until the 81st minute that MacDonald put Arsenal on terms. His header beat Chelsea's 37-year-old goalkeeper Peter Bonetti, who put up a superb display in his 600th and final league appearance for the club.

China slams U.K. decision on Taiwan

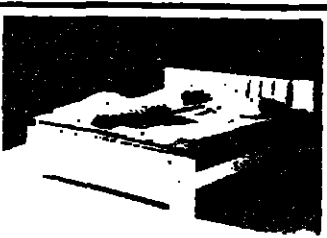
PEKING, May 15 (R)—The athletic association of China last night bitterly attacked the British high court decision upholding an appeal by Taiwan's track and field association against its expulsion from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in favour of China. A statement from the Chinese association described the high court decision, handed down on April 2, as "invalid" and "utterly ridiculous." The statement recalled that the IAAF congress held in Puerto Rico in October last year had voted for the recognition of the athletic association of the People's Republic of China as the sole representative of China in the IAAF. It said the resolution was in complete conformity with the constitution of the IAAF, but Taiwan had brought an action against the international body before the high court in London (site of the IAAF headquarters) to reverse the resolution. The statement said it was "utterly ridiculous" for the high court to have agreed to deal with the case. The IAAF, the Peking statement said, was an independent, self-governing, international organisation with full right to adopt resolutions according to its constitution and the will of the majority of its member associations. It described the high court action as "not only an interference in the internal affairs of the IAAF, but also an infringement on the rights of its members." The statement said it was a well-known fact that there was only one China, the People's Republic, of which Taiwan was a province. It added that the meeting in Dakar on April 27, the IAAF council had decided to appeal against the high court decision and take all necessary measures to uphold the IAAF congress resolution. "We are confident that this decision will win the sympathy and support of the member associations," the Chinese statement said.

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YOUR DAILY

OROSCOPE

by Carroll Righter Institute

Ar. 21 to Apr. 19) Plan to see an influential might be interested in a project or skill you in the support you want.

(Apr. 20 to May 20) You are inspired how to a successful, so work on your ideas and get Later talk with persons who think different- by their views.

(May 21 to June 21) Show more affection for Certain people are in the mood to reciprocate, paying bills.

CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Try to please re and gain their goodwill, cooperation. Han- dly work and get fine returns from it soon.

22 to Aug. 21) Get into work that interests umplish much. A fellow worker who is usually re will now have a different attitude.

Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Rise early and plan the day well. Make this a most enjoyable and ay. Count your money well in dealing with

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) Be more willing to share ex- with those at home and make them happy. urant interests are in good order before you hing new. Make sure records are in order.

(Oct. 24 to Nov. 21) Go over reports and or possible errors and correct. A new door of can open up for you so take advantage of it.

RIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't waste time netary matters better arranged, improved. i repairs to make surroundings more attrac- able.

RN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Go after your most us and gain them with relative ease now. e good at figures and understand business dize only with your closest friends.

JS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan the future better aggestions from an adviser you trust. Find ing outlets for spare time.

Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Confide in a person who is er than you and get good advice and results. vening to be part of a large group.



BREMEN - Schools in West Germany have changed enormously in the last twenty years. Today's schools offer far more practically-oriented courses. This means for instance that pupils can get a taste of work experience before they leave school. Unfortunately, not all education authorities are as progressive as those in Bremen, which has introduced baby care as a subject. Nurses give the baby care instructions. Since 1973 they have been giving this instruction in the older classes of grammar, technical and secondary modern schools, and similar courses for vocational schools were introduced in 1977. As a result of these courses, students learn most of what they need to know about pregnancy, birth and protection of the mother. (Dad photo)

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WOFELL



BOWS AND ARROWS WERE REPLACED BY MORE MODERN WEAPONS BECAUSE THEY HAD THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: _____

Yesterday's Jumbles: NAIVE DROOP GOITER CORPSE
Answer: It could be a poster—for a shipping center—"SEAPORT"

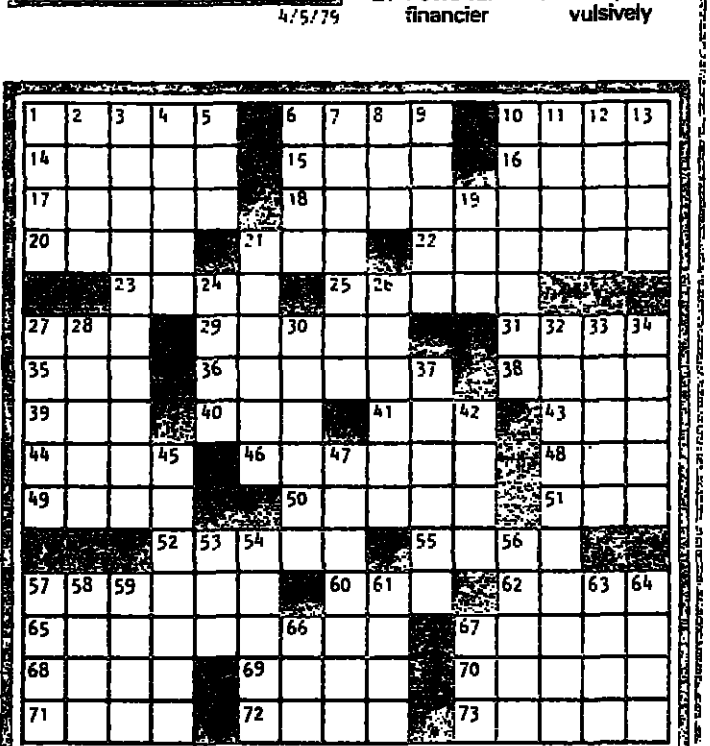
THE Daily Crossword

by Helen Fasulo

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ACROSS | 38 Hurried | 60 Month of flowers | 24 Enormous |
| 1 Sphere | 39 Japanese sash | 62 Highest point | 26 Always: Lat. |
| 6 Scoff | 40 Young child | 65 Counterfeit | 28 Harbinger of spring |
| 10 Harbinger | 41 Abyss | 67 Slowpoke | 30 In the preceding month |
| 14 Water wheel | 43 Antiquated | 68 Narrative | 32 Druggist |
| 15 Importune | 44 Piece of paper money | 69 Long periods of time | 33 Free-for-all |
| 16 Sheet of paper | 46 Certain creed | 70 Giants of folklore | 34 African antelope |
| 17 Enthusiasm | 48 Afternoon function | 71 Son of Odin | 37 High mark on a test |
| 18 Careless | 49 Greek war goddess | 72 Trick | 42 Web-like membrane |
| 20 Be at hand | 50 Edible mushroom | 73 River in Ireland | 45 Seafood delicacy |
| 21 Twain hero | 51 Jinx | | 47 Tract of land |
| 22 Omits | 52 Flower | | 53 Meadow |
| 23 Nation's sea power | 53 Tractable | | 54 Aquatic animal |
| 25 Fiber plant | 57 Short-legged hound | | 56 Tropical fruit |
| 27 Parsegian | | | 57 Moorling post |
| 28 Trivial | | | 58 Oriental nursemaid |
| 31 Vishnu incarnation | | | 59 Farm structure |
| 35 June bug | | | 61 Handle: Fr. |
| 36 Serious | | | 63 Bearing |
| | | | 64 Otherwise |
| | | | 66 Promise to pay |
| | | | 67 Weep convulsively |

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS: 1. SPHERE, 6. SCOFF, 10. HARBINGER, 14. WATER WHEEL, 15. IMPORTUNE, 16. SHEET OF PAPER, 17. ENTHUSIASM, 18. CARELESS, 20. BE AT HAND, 21. TWAIN HERO, 22. OMITS, 23. NATION'S SEA POWER, 25. FIBER PLANT, 27. PARSEGAN, 28. TRIVIAL, 31. VISHNU INCARNATION, 35. JUNE BUG, 36. SERIOUS, 38. HURRIED, 39. JAPANESE SASH, 40. YOUNG CHILD, 41. ABYSS, 43. ANTIQUATED, 44. PIECE OF PAPER MONEY, 46. CERTAIN CREED, 48. AFTERNOON FUNCTION, 49. GREEK WAR GODDESS, 50. EDIBLE MUSHROOM, 51. JINX, 52. FLOWER, 53. TRACTABLE, 57. SHORT-LEGGED HOUND, 60. MONTH OF FLOWERS, 62. HIGHEST POINT, 65. COUNTERFEIT, 67. SLOWPOKE, 68. NARRATIVE, 69. LONG PERIODS OF TIME, 70. GIANTS OF FOLKLORE, 71. SON OF ODIN, 72. TRICK, 73. RIVER IN IRELAND, 24. ENORMOUS, 26. ALWAYS: LAT., 28. HARBINGER OF SPRING, 30. IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, 32. DRUGGIST, 33. FREE-FOR-ALL, 34. AFRICAN ANTELOPE, 37. HIGH MARK ON A TEST, 42. WEB-LIKE MEMBRANE, 45. SEAFOOD DELICACY, 47. TRACT OF LAND, 53. MEADOW, 54. AQUATIC ANIMAL, 56. TROPICAL FRUIT, 57. MOORLING POST, 58. ORIENTAL NURSEMAID, 59. FARM STRUCTURE, 61. HANDLE: FR., 63. BEARING, 64. OTHERWISE, 66. PROMISE TO PAY, 67. WEEP CONVULSIVELY.



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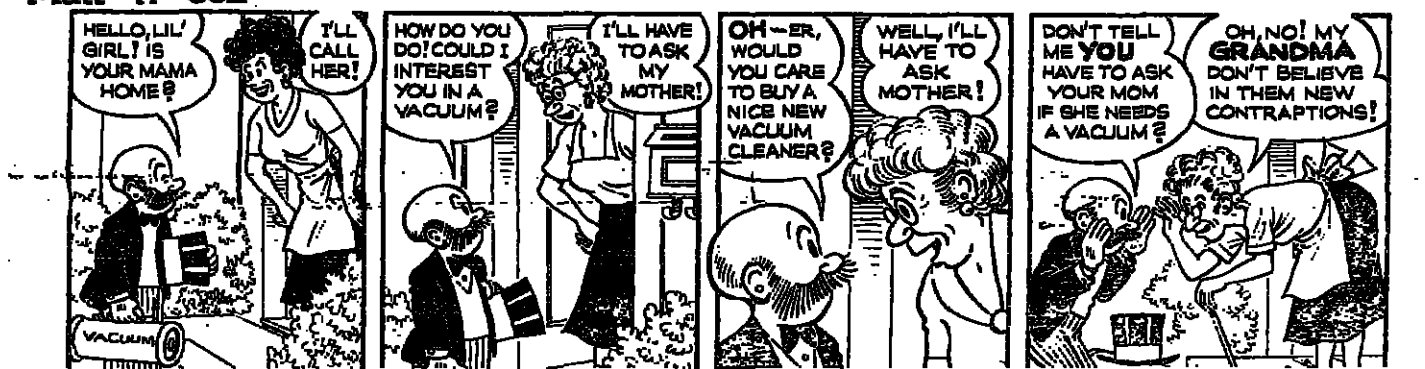
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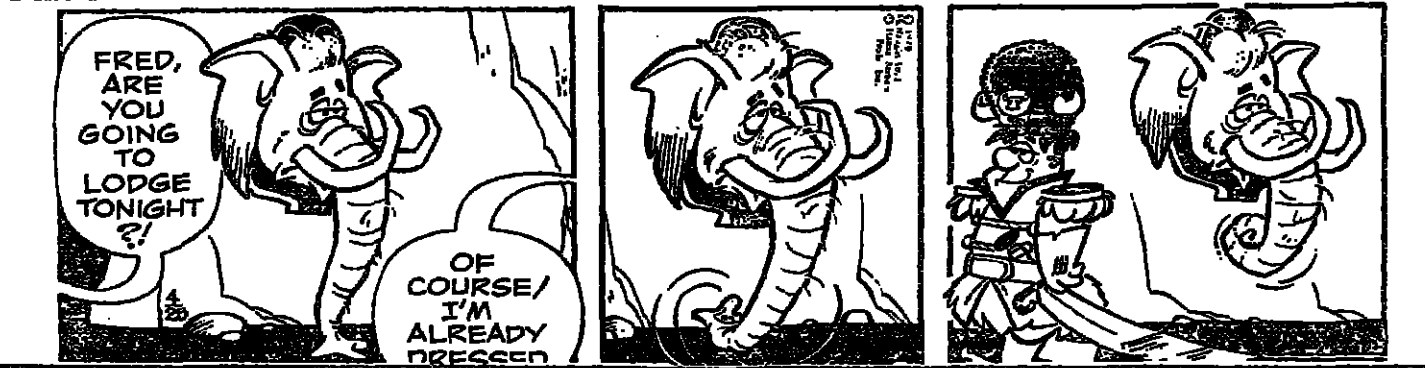
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Flintstones



THE BETTER HALF

By Bertie



JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3	CHANNEL 6
5:30 Quran	7:30 French programme
5:45 Cartoons	7:30 News in French
6:10 Yogi Bear	7:30 News in Hebrew
6:30 The Waltons	8:30 Comedy
7:40 Arabic programme	8:30 Comedy
8:00 News in Arabic	10:00 News in English
8:30 Arabic series	10:15 History of Navigation
9:30 Documentary	10:40 Comedy
10:10 Arabic series	
11:00 News in Arabic	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00	14:00
Sign on	News bulletin
7:01 Morning show	14:10 Music
7:30 News Bulletin	14:30 News bulletin
7:40 Morning show	15:00 Concert hour
10:00 News summary	16:00 News summary
10:30 30 minute theatre	16:03 Easy listening
11:30 Signing off	16:30 Old favourites
12:00 Signing on and news headlines	17:00 Country Music
12:03 Radioteque	17:30 Radioteque
13:00 News summary	18:00 News Summary
13:03 Radioteque	18:03 From Orchest to Orchest
	18:30 Classical Showcase
	19:00 News Bulletin
	19:10 News reports
	19:30 Sign off

BBC RADIO

GMT	13:30
04:00 Newstalk	A Jolly Good Show
04:30 Music for the Classical Center	14:15 Report on Religion
04:45 Financial News; Reflections	14:30 Talkabout
05:00 News; 24 Hours	15:00 Radio Newsworld
05:30 Nature Notebook	15:15 Outlook
05:45 World Today	16:00 News; Commentary
06:00 Newstalk	16:15 Trial for Murder
06:30 Jazz for the Asking	16:30 English Song
07:00 News; 24 Hours	16:45 World Today
07:30 18th Century Organ Music	17:00 News; Book Choice
07:45 Report on Religion	17:15 Discovery
08:00 News; Reflections	17:45 Sports Round-Up
08:30 News; News Review	18:00 News; News about Britain
09:15 World Today	18:15 Radio Newsworld
09:30 Financial News	19:00 Outlook; News Summary
09:45 Look Ahead	19:30 Stock Market
10:15 Father and Son	19:45 Report on Religion
10:30 On the Street Where They Lived	20:00 News; 24 Hours
11:00 News; News about Britain	20:20 Talkabout
11:15 The Music of the Future	21:00 News; U.K.
11:30 Farming World	21:15 International Soccer Special
12:00 Radio Newsworld	22:00 News; World Today
12:15 Three Minute Theatre	22:25 Financial News
12:45 Sports Round-up	22:50 News; Reflections
13:00 News; 24 Hours	23:00 News; Commentary

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	19:00
03:30 The Breakfast Show	News Roundup, reportage, analysis
06:30 News, pop music, features, interviews, questions	19:30 VOA Magazine: Americans, science, culture, letters
17:00 News Roundup; reports, opinion, analysis	20:00 Special English: news
17:30 Dispatch	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
18:00 Special English, news, feature "Space and Music"	21:00 VOA World Report
19:30 News Music USA	22:00 News, Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analysis

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
7:50 Cairo (EA)	7:50 Amman
8:45 Beirut	7:55 Beirut
9:15 Doha (AZ)	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
9:30 Jeddah	8:55 Cairo (EA)
9:45 Kuwait	10:10 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)
10:00 Doha, Abu Dhabi (RJ/GF)	10:10 Rome (AZ)
10:15 Beirut	10:30 Cairo
10:15 Beirut (MEA)	11:00 Baghdad
12:05 Kuwait (KAC)	13:00 Kuwait (KAC)
13:00 Bucharest, Larnaca (Taron)	13:00 Larnaca (CY)
13:35 Larnaca (CY)	14:15 Bucharest, Larnaca (Taron)
16:00 Cairo	14:20 Larnaca (CY)
17:40 Brussels, Amsterdam, Geneva	19:25 Cairo (EA)
18:30 Cairo (EA)	20:00 Doha, Ras Al Khaima (RJ/GF)
18:45 Copenhagen, Athens	20:00 Jeddah (SDI)
18:50 Jeddah (SDI)	21:15 Kuwait
19:15 Rome	22:30 Baghdad
19:45 Beirut (MEA)	22:40 Rangoon (BA)
21:40 London (BA)	22:50 Doha, Muscat (RJ/GF)
21:50 Frankfurt, Munich, Düsseldorf (LH)	

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Al Sabagh (23157)
Amman:	Shah (25655)
Mohammad Shrayan (76167)	Zargat
Farooq Hijazi (56111)	Al Jazir's
Irish:	Shah
Zargat:	Tadris
Amman:	Amman (75780)
Amman (23210)	Amman (23210)
Khalid (23715)	Amman (23715)
Al Shabab (21091)	Amman (23715)
Al Hikmah (24 hrs. 36571)	

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36147-9
French Cultural Centre	37009
Gauche Institute	41895
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
Spanish Cultural Centre	24049
Haya Arts Centre	65189
Huacra Youth City	67181
V.W.C.A.	41793
Y.W.M.C.A.	62551
Amman Municipal Library	26111
University of Jordan Library	55111
Citadel Museum	30191
Folklore Museum	26191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	24591-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36581-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Nat'l. voting patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency	21111, 37777
Airport information (ALIA)	55205
Jordan Television	23111
Radio, English Section	74124
Fire, fire, police	19
Fire headquarters	23090

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Husayn Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al Sha'b Art Gallery	238-527
Time (in Arabic)	99A
American Centre	552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	333-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	557-001
British Cultural Centre	333-594
Damascus Democratic Republic Cultural Centre	333-492
French Cultural Centre	334-003
Kabani Theatre	222-016
National Museum	114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	225-630
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-003
Ursula Art Gallery	334-619
Zahara Public Library	111-318
West German Cultural Institute	224-954

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	118-339
Electric Power Co. (repair)	223-887
Fire headquarters	9597
Information	113-500
Municipal water service	113-500

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Estimated at about 300,000 Vietnam backs efforts to solve problem of S.E. Asia's refugees

JAKARTA, May 15 (R)—Vietnam today pledged full cooperation with international efforts to solve the problem of hundreds of thousands of Indochina refugees, mostly Vietnamese, swamping Southeast Asia.

Vietnam was already doing its utmost to lessen the problems caused for other countries in the region, a Vietnamese delegate told the opening session of an international conference here on the refugee situation.

Hanoi's resident ambassador in Jakarta, Mr. Tran My, said "My country will also discuss bilaterally with each Southeast Asian country about this question, in conformity with its policy of contributing to peace and stability in the area."

He told about 80 diplomats representing 24 countries and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) that his government was convinced the time would come when the present difficulties were eliminated and there would be no more reason for Vietnamese

to leave the country.

The driving force behind the meeting comes from the five members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)—Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.

They are the countries of first asylum for most Indochina refugees displaced by war or what they see as deliberate oppression of ethnic Chinese in Vietnam.

The rapidly rising number of refugees in the ASEAN region is estimated at about 300,000 at present and the association has a vital interest in getting the problem under control.

ASEAN is therefore expected to make a joint approach at the ambassadorial conference here, seeking firm assurances from Hanoi that it will honour a pledge

given to United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and control the outflow of refugees from Vietnam as far as possible.

The Vietnamese delegation at the meeting is led by a high-ranking diplomat, Mr. Vu Hoang, a special envoy of the Vietnamese deputy prime minister's office.

The other countries taking part in the meeting are: the United States, Australia, Canada, France, Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, West Germany, Denmark, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Japan, Switzerland, New Zealand, South Korea, and Brazil.

The delegates will mainly discuss an Indonesian offer to set apart an island off Singapore to establish a temporary processing centre for the refugees.

The centre on Galang Island could be established at an estimated cost of about \$19 million within about five months and accommodate 10,000 refugees.

But the Jakarta government first wants firm commitments from other countries on their contributions to the operational cost of the centre as well as binding undertakings that all refugees will be accepted by other countries in due course.

Some delegates, from ASEAN countries in particular, say that the centre could not function effectively unless Western countries agreed to accept considerably more refugees, and at a quicker pace, than they have done so far.

Thatcher announces legislative programme

LONDON, May 15 (R)—Britain's new Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today announced a heavy legislative programme aimed at putting the country onto a more right-wing course.

The Conservative government's plans—unveiled by queen Elizabeth at the state opening of Parliament—include measures to curb trade union power, reduce state-ownership, toughen law-and-order and cut income taxes.

The traditional Queen's speech outlining Mrs. Thatcher's programme contained provisions for 18 bills during the next 18 months.



Architect's home is island of energy

BRUSSELS — Architect Luc Schmitter, who lives near Brussels, has finally carried out a dream. To everyone who comes to admire his new house, Mr. Schmitter explains that he doesn't spend a penny for electricity or heat. For the past year he has been living in the house he built himself in which electrical power is supplied by wind, heat by the sun and cooking gas by compost from his garden. Electricity is produced by a turbine and is stored in batteries in his basement. Solar panels absorb heat from the sun in a network of metal pipes filled with water. Hot water is taken up half the basement. His independent energy sources are so perfect that he is swamped with requests for similar installations. (Gamma photo)

As 'punishment', according to Amnesty International

Up to 100 children murdered in Central African Empire

PARIS, May 15 (AP) — The imperial guard of Emperor Bokassa bayoneted, clubbed and stoned to death as many as 100 school children last month in the Central African Empire because they protested wearing uniforms to class, Amnesty International said yesterday.

The Paris section of the London-based human rights organisation said the children, aged 8 to 16, were rounded up in the capital city of Bangui on April

18 and taken to the central Ngarabga prison to be punished. The amnesty report said the children had thrown stones at official cars, including Emperor Bokassa's.

Amnesty International, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for its work on the plight of political prisoners, cited "numerous, varied and reliable sources, both African and European" for its report on the slayings.

Amnesty said Emperor Bokassa's guards swept through Bangui neighbourhoods and arrested several hundred children.

"Some of the children were stoned by the imperial guards to punish them for having thrown stones at the imperial car," Amnesty said.

"Others were stabbed with bayonets, others died from blows by clubs containing nails. Probably nearly 100 children were killed and buried in a common grave during the night by the guards," the report said.

The organisation said the students were locked in small cells sealed so tightly that about 20 of the children suffocated.

The next day, the 58-year-old Bokassa, who describes himself as "the father and protector of the children who are the future of the country," announced he was going to free those still in custody.

Bangui youth have been restive since January when the Ministry of Education ordered students to begin wearing the uniforms.

The January protests developed into violence when university stu-

dents rioted in Bangui, damaging two factories and many shops around the university. Sources in Paris, who asked not to be named, estimate that between 50 and 100 persons were killed in those disturbances.

Travellers from the Central African Empire, a former French colony, say "a reign of terror" has existed in Bangui since January.

The country, a landlocked nation in the heart of the African continent, gained independence from France in August, 1960, when it became known as the Central African Republic.

Its first president banned all political parties and was ousted in a military coup led by Bokassa in 1966. Colonel Bokassa then declared himself president and dissolved the parliament.

He was crowned in December, 1977 in a lavish ceremony modelled after the coronation of the French emperor Napoleon in 1804. The festivities surrounding the ceremony reportedly cost an estimated \$50 million, half the national budget.

At UNCTAD meet Communist countries of E. Europe asked to open markets to Third World

MANILA, May 15 (R)—Kenya today called on the communist countries of East Europe to match their words on helping developing nations with action and open their markets to goods from the Third World.

Kenyan Minister of Commerce and Industry, Eliud Mwamunga told the plenary session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) here that the Third World was in many cases dependent on the capitalist countries to an excessive "and sometimes adverse" extent.

He said that improved access to the markets of the Eastern bloc nations was needed to redress this balance, and he called on them to remove all forms of tariff and non-tariff barriers.

The removal of such barriers should be done on the basis of non-reciprocity and be non-discriminatory, Mr. Mwamunga said.

He also called on the Eastern bloc to help increased trade by

improving their payment arrangements and offering term credits.

These improvements include the use of transferable currencies, he suggested. In view of the severe payment deficits of most non-oil-producing Third World countries, he called for an extension of credit concessionary terms to imports.

The Third World countries at the moment were obtaining their import requirements from developed markets at an increasingly higher and prohibitive price, he said.

The question of trade with the communist bloc also came up today in a closed negotiating committee conference, sources said, when the committee dealing with trade relations among countries having different economic systems met.

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Mrs. Gandhi to lead march, rally protesting 'misrule' of Janata Party government

NEW DELHI, May 15 (R) — Former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi, campaigning against special courts which might send her to jail, takes her case to the streets of Delhi tomorrow.

The 61-year old Mrs. Gandhi will lead a procession in the old city of Delhi and address a rally which her colleagues hope to turn into a massive show of strength and support. Party officials said they expected as many as 100,000 people.

The rally is the culmination of a campaign against what Mrs. Gandhi calls the misrule of the Janata Party government, which ousted her from power two years ago. It is directed at special courts the government is setting up to try her and others for alleged offences during her 21-month emergency rule.

In a pamphlet to explain the reason for the special courts, the Janata Party referred to the "dark, tyrannical and traumatic" emergency days and said it was all done to give "all power to one person. The one person was the law, the one person was above the law." The courts are aimed at speeding up criminal proceedings now before ordinary tribunals against Mrs. Gandhi, her son Sanjay and former associates.

But Mrs. Gandhi, who said recently she was not afraid of being hanged, denounced the "black bill," passed by parliament last week, as instrument of political vendetta. "We have a right to protest and protest will be peaceful," she said.

The government is taking special measures for tomorrow's rally following street violence on May Day when Mrs. Gandhi's son and his supporters, also protesting against the courts, clashed with police.

Economic News Briefs

Iran plans \$29bn. for job-creation projects

TEHRAN, May 15 (R) — Iran's provisional government plans to spend 2,000 billion rials (\$29 billion) this year on job-creation projects, Economy Ministry Adviser Ali Akbar Moinefar said yesterday. He said in an interview with the official "Voice of the Islamic Republic" radio that the government would present a budget for approval by the ruling revolutionary council at the end of June. It would cover the remaining nine months of the Persian year which ends next March 20. Mr. Moinefar said last year's budget deficit was 1,000 billion rials (\$14.4 billion) and added that this year's budget would not run into deficit. He did not give any figures for the proposed budget. Estimates of Iran's unemployment following the February revolution that overthrew the monarchy vary from 3.5 to four million. The country has a population of 28 million.

Prince Fahd criticises wastage of oil

PARIS, May 15 (R) — Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia, in an interview published yesterday, appealed to the industrialised states to cut down their "enormous wastage" of oil. The Crown Prince, on an official visit to France, told the evening newspaper Le Monde that Saudi Arabia could not continue to support the burden of high international demand for oil by boosting its own production, as it did when Iranian exports dropped. "We hope that European countries, as well as other industrialised nations like the United States and Japan, can take collective measures to limit consumption," he said. The continually increasing oil consumption of industrialised countries "constitutes an enormous wastage of a vital resource which is exhaustible," he added.

IMF to reduce gold for monthly auction

WASHINGTON, May 15 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said yesterday it has decided to make a small cut in the amount of gold it has been auctioning each month to finance a programme to help poor nations. Under the decision, the IMF from June will sell 444,000 ounces instead of 470,000 ounces. An official statement said the decision was taken because the IMF now has left only about 5.3 million ounces of the 25 million ounces it was scheduled to sell in the four-year sales programme, which ends next May. Proceeds of the sales are being put into a trust fund to be used to help the world's poorest nations. So far, the IMF has realised some \$2.52 billion through the gold sales.

IDA approves \$18.5m. credit for Somalia

WASHINGTON, May 15 (R) — The International Development Association (IDA) said yesterday it has approved \$18.5 million worth of interest-free credit for agricultural projects in Somalia. The World Bank affiliate said it approved a \$10.5 million line of credit for a five-year agricultural extension and farm management training project to help reduce Somalia's dependence on food imports. IDA also announced approval of an \$8 million loan to help consolidate and improve rangelands and livestock production over a six-year period. Both credits are for 50 years, including ten years of grace.

Japan wants to restart joint venture in Iran

TOKYO, May 15 (R) — Japan wants to restart construction of a \$3.25 billion petrochemical complex at Bandar Shapur in Iran, Japan's Mitsui industrial group said yesterday. Vice-president of Mitsui Toshikuni Yahiro told a press conference that the managing

director of the Iran Chemical Development Company (ICDC), Mitsui's partner, would go to Tehran tomorrow for discussions about the project. The project, a 50-50 joint venture involving the Mitsui group, was suspended last month to avoid confusion following the revolution in Iran. It was nearly 90 per cent completed.

AOI liquidation is 'serious blow' for France

PARIS, May 15 (R) — Liquidation of an Arab arms-making consortium has hit French aircraft manufacturers who were hoping for contracts worth billions of dollars, French officials said yesterday. The dissolution of the Cairo-based Arab Organisation for Industrialisation (AOI), officially reported yesterday in Riyadh, had halted French plans to expand the new Arab arms industry, they said. The French Marcel Dassault aircraft company had signed a package deal with the consortium for the assembly in Egypt of the Franco-German Alpha-jet trainer and strike aircraft as well as France's latest Mirage 2000 combat planes. "Only Egypt has the engineering capability to undertake such a project and the decision to liquidate the AOI deals a serious blow to our plans," a leading French arms industrialist said. The AOI was dissolved because of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and legally ceases to exist on July 1. It linked Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

France's young revolutionaries--the anarchic "Autonomists"--seem to be increasing in number. Their spokes- men claim recruitment rises in step with unemployment.

By Jacques Berthoud

PARIS—Whether they like it or not, the French are being forced to see the uglier side of unemployment. It is the angry, twisted face of a professional riot-maker—the "Autonomist".

When tens of thousands of French steel workers marched on Paris in March to protest against plans to close the blast furnaces, their peaceful demonstration made surprisingly little impact on public opinion.

But television and newspaper reports highlighted an outburst of vandalism which followed the end of their parade along the boulevards. The show was stolen by masked youngsters who set cars ablaze outside the Opera House, smashed the windows of the Cafe de la Paix and stripped boutiques of their displays of jewellery and

elegant garments.

"It's the riot-makers again," proclaimed the headlines. These self-styled autonomists combine the traditional theses of anarchism with an evaluation of the current French social and political situation which makes a virtue of violence.

When heavy sentences were passed by a Paris court on riot-makers who ran amok at the Saint-Lazare Railway Station, a commando squad broke into the flat of the public prosecutor, Michel Berger. The raiders, armed with revolvers, ransacked the premises and terrorised Mr. Berger's daughter.

The autonomists claimed responsibility for putting out of action 300 parking meters during a single night in Paris. Styling themselves an "action group

against the high cost of living", they soldered coins in the meters' slots.

If an identikit portrait could be drawn of an autonomist, it would show a young man in his early twenties wearing jeans and a leather jerkin. His habitat is an abandoned block of flats in a working-class area of Paris where he lives with a community of fellow squatters without gas or electricity.

But many autonomists are the sons of respected bourgeois families. They are also assiduous students, usually enrolled in sociology faculties at the universities.

The autonomist movement has its intellectual roots in Italy, although its French spokesmen disown the political assassinations of the Red Brigades. Its birth coincided with the massive anti-nuclear rally two summers ago on the site of France's fast breeder power station at Creys-Malville in the Rhone Valley.

The autonomists direct their recruitment drives at France's 1.3 million unemployed and those whose jobs are threatened by modern changes in technology.

Interviewed at his "squat" in a

decaying north Paris tenement, a 25-year-old autonomist said: "We have adopted a strategy of small-scale violence. Saint-Lazare and the Opera are typical examples. These strike the public imagination. They are much more effective than distributing pamphlets."

The autonomist spokesman, who gave up a job in a big firm three years ago in order to devote all his time to agitation, said the movement's appeal among young people was growing in step with the increase in unemployment.

The riot-makers have their own magazine, "Camorades". A recent editorial proclaimed: "We are wreckers. The political programme for us autonomists is simple: occupy houses to avoid paying rent; impose our own price reductions in shops; cheat on public transport fares; shop-lift; barge into theatres and cinemas without paying; leave restaurants before the bill arrives."

The autonomist organ added: "We mean business when we say we will smash everything that represents the presence of the state: its banks, cars, automatic gadgets, advertising hoardings, cops, the lackeys of capitalism and even the leftists."

The autonomists are at pains to insist they are disciples of neither the Baader-Meinhof gang nor the Red Brigades. But they stress their allegiance to Marxism and regard Mr. Tony Negri, the Italian professor recently arrested in the Aldo Moro murder hunt, and Mr. Mario Tronti as their mentors.

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